RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2017-13

MEETING: January 10, 2017

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Thomas Cooke, District Attorney

RE: Authorize Victim Witness to Increase One Victim Witness Advocate Position from 80% to 100% FTE

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Increase the Allocation for the Victim-Witness Advocate in the Victim-Witness Program of the District Attorney’s Office from 80% Permanent Part-Time to Full-Time, Effective Immediately. There are budgeted funds to cover this request.

This position will serve victims and witnesses of crime throughout the County of Mariposa and will act as the North County Advocate one day a week in Coulterville. This position is funded, in part, with the County Victim Services Program Grant. This Grant will be used to develop a plan to address gaps and unmet needs for victims of crime.

There has been a need to address the underserved victims and witnesses of crime in our community for an extended period of time. With the additional funds and match of services from agencies in our community, we will be moving to help meet the needs that have long been hard to meet with limited funds and staffing.

Funding for this position comes from the County Victim Services Program Grant, Violence Against Women Vertical Prosecution Grant, and the Victim Witness Assistance Grant and does not impact the County General Fund.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
Per current policy, the Board of Supervisors reviews all personnel additions or changes to allocated positions.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
Do not increase the 80% permanent part-time Victim-Witness Advocate allocation to 100% FTE. There may be limited availability to assist the victims and witnesses that we serve.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
Sufficient funding has been budgeted in the Victim-Witness Budget for this request. There will be no financial impact to the County General Fund.
RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Rosemarie Smallcombe, District I Supervisor
SECONDER: Merlin Jones, District II Supervisor
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